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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph spanning lines 4-11 on page 8, as follows:

In the case of the dependence table 2, there is a column corresponding to external writes. An instruction that makes an external write, such as a store to a memory location, will cause a value to be set to 1 within this column when there is a dependence upon the value for that column. Compared with the columns corresponding to registers, the flag values within the external write columns are not overwritten when a further external ~~rightwrite~~ takes place as this external ~~rightwrite~~ may be to a different location or the value that had previously been written could have been used by another process and so it is not correct to assume that it is removed from dependency.